

BOOK REVIEW

WILLIAM S. JUSTICE, C. RITCHIE BELL, and ANNE H. LINDSEY. 2005. **Wild Flowers of North Carolina (Second Edition)**. (ISBN 0-8078-5597-9, pbk.). University of North Carolina Press, P.O. Box 2288, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-2288, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.uncpress.unc.edu/books/T-7662.html). \$29.95, 376 pp., 553 color and 6 b&w illus., 6 tables, 1 chart, appendices, bibliography, index, 5 1/2" × 8 1/2".

Edition 2 supplants the original from 1968 by Justice and Bell—it includes 100 more species than the original and provides brief notes on toxicity and medicinal uses. With conservation and preservation first in mind, the authors note that “Our goal in this presentation of 500 native or naturalized plants in North Carolina is to open eyes, minds and hearts to the story of the state’s wild flowers, their beauty, their interesting attributes, their uses, and, in many cases, their plight.” Most pages include a photo and notes for each of two species, and Appendix 1 gives an outline of horticultural information for each species. The Edition 2 photos are better reproduced, often sharper, sometimes cropped differently, but usually reduced in size up to 30 percent. For Edition 3, better planning of layout surely could increase image sizes and decrease the large areas of white space on so many of the pages.—Guy Nesom, *Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4068, U.S.A.*